

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

By Ford J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sylvester Sartor, Sr. of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the untimely death of Sylvester Sartor, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor was an exemplary human being and consummate professional  
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous  
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Sylvester Sartor was born on July 5, 1921 in Union, South Carolina, the son  
of the late Barth and Winnie Sartor; he attended the public schools in Union and was baptized at  
Bethesda Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor served his country with distinction during World War II as a  
member of the United States Army. Following his military service he attended Tuskegee  
Institute, graduating in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Sylvester Sartor then moved to Memphis where he met and married Maude  
Gates, whose love and companionship he enjoyed for fifty years; they were the proud parents of  
Sylvester, Jr., Melba and Gwendolyn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor was also a loving surrogate father to Robert Montgomery and Edroy Gates; he was affectionately known as "Daddy" by all; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Shelby County, Sylvester Sartor was a highly respected member of the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor taught tailoring as a master tailor for a number of years at the National Trade School and served with acumen as an employee of the U. S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1986, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor was an active and devout member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an usher. He was a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Moolah Temple No. 54 in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Sylvester Sartor was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sartor leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Sylvester Sartor will be sorely missed by his devoted wife Maude, his three children, sisters and brother, seven grandchildren, assorted great-grandchildren, nephews, grand-nephews, and a host of other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being and friend to all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Sylvester Sartor, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sylvester Sartor, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.